

Remarks

In the Office Action dated April 8, 2005, the Examiner rejected claims 1-4, 6-8, 10-14, 16-18 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 4,985,780 (i.e., Garnier, et al.) in view of U.S. patent publication 2003/0142313 (i.e., Katayama) and in view of Applicants' admitted prior art (AAPA). The Examiner rejected claim 5, under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Garnier, et al. in view of Katayama and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,895,588 (i.e., Matsumura, et al.). The Examiner rejected claims 9 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Garnier, et al. in view of Katayama) and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,910,725 (i.e., Drexler, et al.) . The Examiner rejected claims 21-26 and 28-38 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Garnier, et al. in view of the AAPA. The Examiner rejected claim 27 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Garnier, et al. in view of Drexler, et al. The Examiner objected to claim 15 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

By this Amendment, Applicants' Attorney has cancelled all the pending claims and has substituted therefore new claims 39-67 to more particularly point out and distinctly claim what Applicants regard as their invention.


A review of the art cited by the Examiner in the last Office Action fails to reveal the combination of features of new independent claims 39 and 56 taken either alone or in combination with one another.

Furthermore, a review of the art of record also fails to review the combination of features of new independent claims 39 and 56 taken either alone or in combination with one another.

Consequently, in view of the above and in the absence of better art, Applicants' Attorney respectfully submits the application is in condition for allowance which allowance is respectfully requested.

A check in the amount of \$1,168.00 is enclosed to cover the Petition fee of \$1,020.00, the additional claims filing fee of \$18.00 and the Amendment to Correct Inventorship fee of \$130.00. Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments as a result of the filing of this paper to our Deposit Account No. 02-3978.

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